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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The internet was created by taxpayer funded, government research. It must not be surrendered to short-term, profit-motivated interests to the detriment of those same taxpayers.

A crucial part of the internet is the ISPs. A diverse set of competing IPSs seems, to me, to be a key element in preserving the internet as a public resource, just as our roads and schools are.

I am completely opposed to the USTelecom proposal to eliminate key provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Those provisions help to curb monopoly. Monopoly is not an enabler of innovation and those old, tired, arguments have been shown by recent history to be utter, specious nonsense.

Give us the internet as the public resource it should be and not the property of a few large corporations.

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